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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,070,000 head as of March 1, 2011. The latest inventory was the same as last month's inventory but 14 percent above March 1, 2010 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 210,000 head of fed cattle during February 2011, 11 percent above the previous month's marketings and 20 percent above marketings one year earlier. An estimated 215,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February, up 16 percent from January 2011 placements and up 34 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in February, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 30 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 35 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for March, at 5,000 head, the same as last year and last month.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on March 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above March 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million, 4 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 12 percent below 2010.